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SUBJ: CORRESPONDENT NOTES TAKEN

1. UPI CORRESPONDENT GORDON JOSELOFF STOPPED AND ADDRESSED BY NAME JAN. 23 ABOUT 1640 ON MOSCOW SIDEWALK BY OLDER MAN WHO, BACKED UP BY MILITIAMAN AND ABOUT SEVEN OTHER MEN IN PLAINCLOTHES, IDENTIFIED SELF TO BEST OF JOSELOFF'S LIMITED RUSSIAN ABILITY AS KGB AGENT AND TOOK FROM HIM WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ASKED EARLIER OF SOME JEWISH ACTIVISTS. JOSELOFF HAD JUST LEFT 90-MINUTE PREARRANGED MEETING AT NEARBY ACTIVIST HOME. HE SAID OLDER MAN DEMANDED PAPERS, OR ELSE INCIDENT WOULD RESULT, MID WOULD BE NOTIFIED AND JOSELOFF DECLARED PNG INSIDE THREE DAYS. JOSELOFF AT FIRST REFUSED, BUT SECOND MAN STEPPED IN HIS PATH WHEN HE TRIED TO LEAVE, AND IMPLICIT THREAT (AT THIS POINT OTHER MEN STOOD AT ALERT) PLUS MENTION OF MID CAUSED JOSELOFF TO OPEN COAT AND PERMIT PAPERS TO BE REMOVED. HE WAS TOLD NOT TO SPREAD WORD ABOUT AFFAIR AND WENT HOME.

2. FROM CONVERSATION WITH DISSIDENTS AND OTHERS JOSELOFF CONVINCED HE WAS IN PART SINGLED OUT BECAUSE
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OF PREVIOUS COVERAGE OF DISSIDENT ACTIVITY, ESPECIALLY

HIS PHOTO OF DISSIDENTS PLACARD BEING TAKEN AWAY BY
PLAIN CLOTHESMEN THAT WAS FRONTPAGED IN WESTERN
NEWSPAPERS IN EARLY OCTOBER.

3. UPI BUREAU CHIEF MOSELEY WROTE LETTER TODAY TO MID,
PROTESTING ACTION AS INTERFERENCE WITH NORMAL DUTIES OF
NEWSMAN. UPI AND AP REPORTED INCIDENT IN BRIEF ITEMS.

4. EMBASSY ATTEMPTED TO CALL ON MID PRESS SECTION
JUNE 24 TO PROTEST UNACCEPTABLE INTERFERENCE WITH NORMAL
PRESS ACTIVITIES BUT BY 1800 HOURS SECRETARY STILL
REPORTING NOBODY PRESENT AND NONE OF MANY PHONECALLS
RETURNED. WILL FOLLOW UP JAN. 25. RECOMMEND PROTEST BE
MADE TO SOVIET EMBASSY ON SAME GROUNDS. AT COB JOSELOFF
AND MOSELEY CALLED IN TO MID. WILL INFORM AS APPROPRIATE.
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